

BOOK NOTICES

DARRYL JONES. 2022. **A Clouded Leopard in the Middle of the Road: New Thinking About Roads, People, and Wildlife.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-5017-6371-7, pbk). Comstock Publishing Associates, An Imprint of, Cornell University Press, Sage House, 512 East State St., Ithaca, New York 14850, U.S.A. (**Orders:** cornellpress.cornell.edu). \$19.95 US, 245 pp., 30 b/w photographs, references, index, 6" × 9".

From the publisher: *A Clouded Leopard in the Middle of the Road* is an eye-opening introduction to the ecological impacts of roads. Drawing on over ten years of active engagement in the field of road ecology, Darryl Jones sheds light on the challenges roads pose to wildlife--and the solutions taken to address them.

One of the most ubiquitous indicators of human activity, roads typically promise development and prosperity. Yet they carry with them the threat of disruption to both human and animal lives. Jones surveys the myriad, innovative ways stakeholders across the world have sought to reduce animal-vehicle collisions and minimize road-crossing risks for wildlife, including efforts undertaken at the famed fauna overpasses of Banff National Park, the Singapore Eco-Link, "tunnels of love" in the Australian Alps, and others. Along the way, he acquaints readers with concepts and research in road ecology, describing the field's origins and future directions. Engaging and accessible, *A Clouded Leopard in the Middle of the Road* brings to the foreground an often-overlooked facet of humanity's footprint on earth.

About the author: **Darryl Jones** is Professor of Urban Ecology and Deputy Director of the Environmental Futures Research Institute at Griffith University. He is the author of *The Birds at My Table*. Follow him on Twitter @MagpieJonesD.

Having traveled by car between Texas (where I live now) and Oklahoma (home, where I grew up) over the last 47 years, I have seen my share of roadkill from the smallest of creatures to wild hogs, deer, and even large livestock. I've even had my own vehicle encounters with wildlife including a calf in the darkness of night. Thank goodness the calf slipped on the pavement and fell and I essentially ran over it rather than hitting it. It was a scary moment. Road encounters involving vehicles and animals can easily happen on rural roads or interstate highways. I've learned over the years that road travel during daylight hours general means less encounters with animals. Sunrise and sunset times are never ideal times as many animals are out and about and moving around. There is no doubt that roads are barriers to animals and thus roads have taken their toll on animals. Daryl Jones' *A Clouded Leopard in the Middle of the Road* reinforces just how dangerous roads are. Table of Contents includes: 1) Death, Dust, and Din: How Vehicles Harm; 2) The Land Fragmented: Why Roadways Matter; 3) Bridging the Gap; 4) Know-How; 5) Working Together Works; 6) Signs of Change. There's an appendix on species mentioned in the text.

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DAVID W. HALL. 2020. **Illustrated Plants of Florida and the Coastal Plain, Second Edition.** (ISBN-13: 9780813066561, hbk). University Press of Florida, 2046 NE Waldo Road, Suite 2100, Gainesville, Florida 32609, U.S.A. (**Orders:** upress.ufl.edu). \$85.00 US, 536 pp., illustrations throughout, references, index, 7" × 10".

From the publisher: This extensively illustrated volume is an indispensable identification guide to nearly 1,400 species of plants, both common and rare, found in Florida and neighboring coastal states. It contains frequently occurring wildflowers, shrubs, and herbaceous plants from the region, and includes select grasses, rushes, and trees.

Review forthcoming.